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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

Application of:

Jeffrey S. Smith, et al

Serial No.

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For:

Controlling Solids Flow In A

Gas-Solids Reactor

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Customer No. 23455

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney of record, hereby inquire as to the current status of the above referenced application. We have not yet received an office action on the foregoing case. If for some reason, an office action has been sent but not received by us, please let us know so that we can respond in a timely manner. Otherwise, we await your formal correspondence in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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